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## SALARIES REDUCED.

**CLERKS CUT DOWN, BUT MEMBERS HOLD THEIR PER DIEM.**

**Dockery's Resolution That Members Return One-fourth of Their Salary to the Treasury Was Lost—An Omnibus Bill to Regulate the Affairs of Railroads, Telegraphs and Telephones.**

Special to The News.  
RALEIGH, Jan. 23.—A bill was introduced in the House today to place the steamer "Lilly" in the hands of the State Division of Naval Reserves.

House introduced a bill to amend the Railway Commission so as to elect the commissioners by popular vote; to make the rental of telephones from \$12 to \$18 yearly; to make passenger rates from 13 to 2 cents a mile; to make telephone charges fifteen cents for ten words and one cent for each additional word; and also to suppress trusts and combines by imposing a penalty of forfeiture of charter on those out of the State and \$5,000 fine on those in State; to provide for public school supervision, and to make the terms of registers of deeds four years. The resolution to appoint a sub-committee to take testimony in the Young-Broughton case was tabled by a strict party vote.

The bill to reduce the clerks' salaries in the House to four dollars a day was passed; the amendment to reduce the salaries of members to three dollars a day was lost, as the constitution provided for the compensation of members.

Representative Dockery introduced a resolution that each member return to the treasury one-fourth of his salary. There was an hour and a half of discussion, and the resolution was finally lost. The Populists voted against it.

## DEATH OF MRS. FEWELL.

**Mr. John Woodside Dead—Mrs. C. W. Rich Passes Away.**

Mrs. C. W. Rich, of Newell's, died at her home in that place Tuesday morning. She leaves a husband and two children. The funeral was held Wednesday from the Presbyterian church at Newell's of which she was a member, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Newell. Mrs. Rich was a devoted wife and fond mother.

Mr. Joseph Woodside, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Huntersville, died at that place Monday evening at five o'clock. He had suffered for years from cancer, and death came as a relief to his sufferings. He was in his seventy-fifth year. He leaves a wife and six children. Two of his sons, Mr. J. M. Woodside and Mr. John Woodside, are residents of Charlotte. He was a charter member of Craighead Lodge, No. 366, A. F. and A. M., at Huntersville, and had been for many years a prominent Mason. His funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church at Huntersville, Rev. Mr. Grier officiating. He was laid to rest with Masonic honors.

Mrs. Dr. William B. Fewell, of Ebenezer, S. C., died Monday night at ten o'clock. She was a Miss Agnes Alexander, sister of Dr. J. B. Alexander, and Mr. W. D. Alexander, of this city, and was related to a number of prominent people in Mecklenburg. Her death is mourned by a large circle of friends. She leaves a husband and six children, all grown. The funeral was held Wednesday, the remains being interred in the Ebenezer cemetery.

## SUPERINTENDENTS MEET TONIGHT

**At Chapel Hill—To Discuss Public School Matters.**

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Jan. 25.—The annual meeting of the North Carolina Superintendents' Association will be held here today and tomorrow, the first session taking place at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Among the papers to be presented are:

"Civilization's Demands Upon Teachers, or New Demands upon Teachers to Educate Harmoniously," by Superintendent C. W. Toms, of Durham.

"A Working Hypothesis of Education," by Superintendent E. S. Sheppe, Reidsville.

What and How in English Grammar," by Superintendent Alex. Graham, Charlotte.

"Relation of the Schools to the Material and Commercial Interests of the Country," Superintendent John J. Blair, Winston.

"Arithmetic in the Wilmington Public Schools," by Superintendent M. C. Noble, Wilmington.

"A Course in Reading and Literature," by Superintendent D. Matt Thompson, Statesville.

Married This Afternoon.

Mr. James Beattie, who lives near Lodo, was married to Miss Mattie McConnell Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. L. S. Pharr, No. 504 North Tryon street.

They will reside at Mr. Beattie's home, near Lodo.

## TO PROHIBIT PASSES.

**WANT TO STOP THEIR USE BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS.**

**Bill Passed Making Railroads Liable for Damage to Freight or Passengers—Bill to Allow the Governor to Remove the Officers of the A. & N. C. Road.**

Special to The News.  
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 27.—In the Legislature this morning the resolution requesting the Governor to obtain for the Legislature the total salaries of railway officials, passed its second reading.

Senator Clark, of Halifax, today introduced a bill to prohibit the use of free passes by public officials.

A bill was introduced in the House this morning to punish wife-beaters with thirty-nine lashes.

The bill was passed making railways liable for any damage done to baggage and freight.

A bill was introduced by Representative Hancock to give the Governor power to remove the State proxy and directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, if he deems they have been unfaithful and negligent.

Mr. Hancock says the purpose of the bill is to protect the State against the recent change in the by-laws of the railroad company.

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

**Newell Case on Trial Today—Several Damage Suits Compromised.**

Solicitor Webb has filed his report stating that he has examined the clerk's office in Mecklenburg county, as the law directs, and finds the office in good condition and well kept.

In the case of the Loan and Savings Bank and others vs. the Elliott furniture company, R. A. Duncan was given judgment for \$28.50.

The case of J. A. Flanagan, administrator of Sarah J. Flanagan vs. the Carolina Central railway company, was compromised, judgment being rendered for the plaintiff in the sum of \$800.

Miss Flanagan was employed at the Ada Cotton Mills, and was killed by the train while crossing the track.

The case of Brevard Nixon, administrator of Joseph Clarence Howie vs. the Carolina Central railway company was compromised, the plaintiff being given judgment in the sum of \$1700.

Mr. Howie was killed near Matthews, July 20th, 1896. This administrator sued for \$10,000.

Judgment was filed today in the case of J. D. Church vs. W. F. Stanley, Mary E. Stanley and B. E. Stanley, providing that the plaintiff recover the amount of two notes mentioned in the complaint, one amounting to \$428.96 and the other to \$224.86.

A divorce was granted Mattie Henderson from James Henderson.

In the case of Mary A. Prather vs. Edward P. George judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, directing the defendant to convey to the plaintiff in fee simple his interest in the land mentioned in the complaint.

In the case of A. R. Bowles vs. J. W. McCoy, judgment was rendered for the plaintiff in the sum of \$704.

The case of Mrs. Eliza M. Newell vs. the Southern Railway has taken up the time of the Superior court today.

Mrs. Newell, the conductor and brakeman of the train and a number of other witnesses were examined this morning.

## FUNERAL OF DR. DAVIDSON.

**Remains of Dr. Davidson Arrived Here This Afternoon.**

The remains of the late Dr. Joseph M. Davidson arrived here Sunday evening from Louisville, Ky., where he died Saturday at the residence of his son, Dr. John Davidson.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at four o'clock from St. Peter's Episcopal church.

Dr. Davidson was one of the most prominent physicians in the country, where he had been in active practice many years. He was a native of Charlotte and here spent his life, except a period of eight years spent in the practice of medicine in Alabama.

His death is mourned by a large circle of friends and relatives.

The following were the pall bearers at the funeral: J. S. Myers, Capt. G. F. Bason, Maj. C. Dowd, Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Capt. A. G. Brenizer, F. I. Osborne.

Honorary Judges: A. Burwell, Capt. Jno. Wilkes, Capt. R. P. Waring, Col. H. C. Jones, H. G. Springs, W. C. Maxwell, J. A. Bell, J. D. McCall, Chas. H. Duls, D. E. McGinnis, F. B. McDowell, Dr. Geo. W. Graham, Dr. J. W. Hayes, E. D. Latta.

Contested Cases Come up Friday.

Mr. J. W. Keerans returned at noon Friday from Raleigh, where he has been arguing the Mecklenburg contested election cases for the contestees. The argument has been completed, but the committee will not meet to decide the question until next Friday.

Mr. Walter Henry did not return home.

## GENUINE SMALL-POX.

**SO THE PHYSICIANS DECIDED IN GREENSBORO THIS MORNING.**

**Mr. John Tucker, a Travelling Man, is the First Victim—Three of the Leading Physicians in Consultation.**

GREENSBORO, Jan. 25.—Recent developments in the illness of Mr. John Tucker indicate that it is a genuine case of small-pox. Three of the leading physicians of the city so decided in consultation today and Mr. Tucker is now undergoing treatment for that disease.

One physician pronounced it small-pox Saturday morning, but it was not sufficiently credited until late last night for the city authorities to take any action.

A portion of the board of aldermen met at the Benbow House about twelve (12) o'clock Saturday, and as a result of their conference the guests were notified of small-pox being in the house.

Within an hour nearly all of the guests had repaired to other hotels and boarding houses in the city.

Arrangements were made at once to remove Mr. Tucker from the hotel and he was carried to a house secured for the purpose about four miles from the city.

The Board of Aldermen met yesterday for the purpose of making some official action. The Benbow House was ordered to be closed and the clerks, servants and remaining guests quarantined for several days.

The house in the meantime will be thoroughly disinfected and every precaution will be taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

The town is very much excited over the matter and it is almost the sole topic of conversation.

Some action was taken by the aldermen regarding vaccination, and it is thought every person in town will be urged to undergo the operation.

The physicians have generally consented to charge a very low price, and the city will pay for those who are unable to pay the fee themselves.

As yet the case of Mr. Tucker is not at all serious. Many do not believe it to be a genuine case of small-pox.

Mr. Tucker is unable to account for his having taken small-pox, as he has recently been only in portions of Virginia and North Carolina. A case has been reported in Norfolk, Va., but he was not exposed to it.

Mr. Tucker is native of Guilford county and is quite well known in the city. Until a few months ago he was with the Fishblate clothing house, which position he gave up for travelling salesman for a Lynchburg crockery firm.

A specialist has been sent for and will probably arrive today. The people are anxiously awaiting the result of the examination of the case. There will probably be no further action on the part of the city authorities until a report is had from him.

## WILL MONROE JOHNSON HANG?

**Petitions for and Against Commutation of His Sentence—The Governor Considering the Case.**

Governor Russell is now considering the case of Monroe Johnson, the negro who was convicted of burglary, in Mecklenburg superior court, and sentenced to be hanged; an appeal the supreme court sustained the decision of the lower court, and Governor Carr fixed a date for the execution.

Mr. Walter R. Henry, the attorney for Johnson, is doing all in his power to have the sentence commuted to imprisonment for life. To that end a petition has been circulated, asking for the commutation of the sentence; this has been presented to the Governor, and Mr. Henry has made a personal appeal to the Governor in his behalf.

On the other hand a counter-petition has been circulated by citizens of the community in which the crime was committed, praying the Governor neither to pardon the criminal nor to commute the death sentence; this large petition has been largely signed and also presented to the Governor.

The News has information that Governor Russell is carefully considering the case and will announce his decision within the next few days.

## BLACKBURN BOUND OVER

**To Court in \$1,000 Bond—Confesses to Setting Fire to the Observer Office.**

The preliminary trial of Charles Blackburn for setting fire to the Observer building was held at three o'clock Monday afternoon. After examining five witnesses, Mayor Weddington put him over to the Superior court in a bond of \$1,000.

Blackburn's mother sat beside him during the trial. Mr. Heriot Clarkson was his attorney.

Blackburn has practically confessed to having set the building on fire. He tried to break in the safe, and not succeeding set fire to the gasoline can, that caused the explosion. He was employed in the Observer job office.

He is about nineteen years old, very small for his age, and frankly confesses to drinking, gambling, and his principal mental nourishment seems to be dime novels.

## IN THE LEGISLATURE

**BILL TO PREVENT BREAKING UP OF POLITICAL MEETINGS.**

**Starts a Lively Debate in the House—After Several Amendments, Was Referred—To Change Time of Holding Mecklenburg Courts.**

Special to The News.  
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 22.—This was another "bill day" in the Legislature.

Bills were introduced in the House; by Wilson to change the time of holding the courts, in Gaston, Stanly and Mecklenburg counties; to change the charter of Wilmington.

The bill making it a misdemeanor, punishable by fifty dollars fine and imprisonment for thirty days, to wilfully disturb a political meeting, was under discussion until the end of the day's session. It was opposed by Schullen and Cunningham, and favored by Lusk and all the Republicans.

An amendment making it a misdemeanor to use vulgar language. Cooke made an attempt to include the same in the bill, but it was finally referred to a committee.

A bill to incorporate the Moore county and Western Railroad passed today. There was much opposition at first because it was thought the road would parallel the North Carolina railroad.

To Attend Alderman's Inauguration.—Ten Hours a Legal Working Day.—Stores and Factories Required to Provide Seats for Employees.

Special to The News.  
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 26.—A bill was introduced in the House today to appropriate \$34,000 for a dormitory for boys and an assembly room at the white department of the institution for the blind.

The House decided to adjourn today to attend the inauguration of President Alderman at the University tomorrow. The vote on the motion was lost.

A bill was introduced today to make ten hours a legal working day, and attaching a penalty for the violation of the act.

A bill to change the law regarding degrees of homicide failed to pass. A bill requiring that seats be provided for female employees in stores and factories was passed.

A resolution to exclude lobbyists from the hall of the House is now under discussion.

## DR. J. L. M. CURRY SPEAKS.

**To the Legislature—Bill to Create an Insurance Commission—A Divorce Bill by Telegraph to The News.**

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 25.—Bills were introduced in the House today to regulate assignments; a resolution in favor of the election of United States Senators by popular vote; to change the charter of the Eastern Hospital for the Insane; a bill providing that county commissioners shall appoint township road overseers.

The bill allowing a woman a divorce when her husband is in the penitentiary was tabled.

Dr. J. L. M. Curry addressed the Legislature in the House at noon. He was given a flattering reception. Governor Russell was present.

L. T. Brown, lessee of the Yarbrough House, gives up his lease February 1st. The hotel will be operated by B. E. Roney.

Senator Person (colored) has prepared a bill to establish an Insurance Commissioner to have a salary of \$2,000 and all the clerks necessary.

## WATSON'S FLING AT BUTLER.

**Calls Him a "Despicable Character"—Lobby Bill Tabled.**

Special to The News.  
RALEIGH, Jan. 26. (3 p. m.)—The "lobby bill" has just been tabled. The bill to pay special venire men for attendance on capital cases passed today; this includes Mecklenburg county.

The Senate has passed a bill providing for a joint committee to recommend a reduction of all official salaries.

A. L. Swinson today received the following letter from Tom Watson: "Butler is a very despicable character and his crushing defeat will cause no grief in any party."

The Orr and Alexander families are soon to have a re-union. The committee to arrange for the occasion are Messrs. J. L. Orr and Martin Alexander; they have decided to hold the re-union at Mr. J. G. A. Orr's, three miles from the city. The date has not yet been announced.

## BANKS AND BANKING.

**COMPTROLLER ECKLES WRITES TO THE VARIOUS GOVERNORS.**

**Wants Them to Recommend Changes in Legislation to Secure Bank Statistics.—North Carolina Already Has an Excellent Law in This Respect.**

By Telegraph to The News.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23.—James H. Eckles, comptroller of the Treasury, has sent a letter to the Governors of all the States asking them to recommend legislation to secure uniformity in the collection of banking statistics in the different States.

The revised statutes authorize the Comptroller to make a statement in his annual report exhibiting the resources and liabilities of banks and banking companies and savings banks, organized under the laws of the several States and Territories.

There is no other officer in the United States charged by law with the duty of collecting and publishing banking statistics. It is necessary therefore for the Comptroller to have the required information.

At present a number of the States make no provisions for the submission of reports from banks and bankers to any officer of State.

In North Carolina the statistics of banks and banking are collected by the State Treasurer, who requires each bank to publish regularly a full statement of its resources and liabilities. The statistics are therefore easily available.

## SENATE TO ACT ON TREATY.

**It Will Probably be Ratified, but Sentiment is Not Universally Favorable.**

By Telegraph to The News.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Senator Sherman denies that there is an agreement with Olney to prevent action this session regarding Cuba.

Senator Hoar this morning introduced a resolution from the Boston chamber of commerce praying for the ratification of the treaty and spoke in praise of the general terms of the treaty, but deprecated the clamor for ratification as interfering with successful action.

Senator Sherman gave notice that the committee on foreign affairs will act promptly on the treaty.

Senator Cullom says he will vote for the treaty if it does not hurt the United States, and says action in the Senate will not be delayed although the sentiment regarding the treaty is not universally favorable.

Senator Lodge tells the country the treaty cannot be considered and passed in twenty-four hours. Hasty action might retard arbitration for years, he says. He denies there is unnecessary delay, and says grave differences of opinion must be settled.

Seawall says he is opposed to the arbitration of questions of national honor, territorial claims or the Nicaragua canal question.

Hawley says the Senate is for arbitration and peace.

Morgan objected to further debate on the treaty, and routine business was taken up.

The Military Academy appropriation bill is being considered.

The Bankruptcy bill is the order of business in the Senate Monday.

The Cuban resolution if taken up cannot be acted upon. A direct motion to make it regular business will be defeated.

## STRONGER—MORE COMPACT.

**The Future of Democracy as Pictured by a Young Democrat.**

Representative Swanson, of Virginia, one of the most prominent of the younger democrats in the House has this to say in a public interview about the future of the democratic party: "There will be no reorganization of the democratic party. It is today stronger and more compact, more aggressive and buoyant than any defeated party ever was before. Without intimidation, coercion, or corruption a vast majority of the voters of this country today are in accord with it. Having divorced itself from the present administration, it is building near the affections and the interests of the masses. The democratic party will continue its aggressive fight for both gold and silver as legal tender money and against special privileges to trusts, combines and corporations. Those who failed to act with us in the last election will most of them return to the party. Many have already done so. No concessions in principles or policies will be made, though, to gain the support of these. Short of their power of patronage and discredited as loyal democrats those who do not return will not be potential for evil in the future. The democracy proposes to beat no retreat from the advanced grounds it has taken."

Miss Lillie Atkinson, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Barkley, on North Pine street.

## SHIPS IN DISTRESS.

**GOLD WAVE AND SNOWSTORM ALL OVER THE EAST.**

**Snow as Far South as North Carolina.—Vessels go Ashore in the Dense Snow Storm.—Railway Traffic Delayed.**

By Telegraph to The News.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The temperature today at Chattanooga, Raleigh and Augusta is six to twelve degrees above zero. At Charleston and Mobile it is eighteen, at Jacksonville twenty-two, at Tampa thirty, at Jupiter and south extremity of the United States forty degrees above. A high wind and snow prevails in Northern Georgia and along the Atlantic coast. Danger signals from Key West to Norfolk have been hoisted.

ASHORE ON THE ROCKS.  
NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 28.—The Central Vermont Steamship "Mohawk," from New York for New London went ashore this morning in a blinding snow storm at Goshen Point, east of Bartlett Lightship. The weather was so thick the officers lost their bearings. A strong wind blew the steamship on the rocky coast. She was badly stove in, with six feet of water in the hold; the bulkheads are gone. She has been pounding the rocks all the morning. She has a large cargo.

DEEPEST SNOW OF THE SEASON.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The snow storm continued until after midnight. It is the heaviest of the season. The thermometer here is ten degrees above zero, the snow being dry and light. While all railway trains are delayed street traffic is uninterrupted. The weather bureau reports snow as far south as North Carolina. The outlook today is for clear cold, northwest winds.

UNKNOWN STEAMER IN DISTRESS.  
WEST HAMPTON, Long Island, Jan. 27.—Within a few miles of where the three masted schooner "Nahum Chapin" went down with all on board a week ago, an unknown steamer is this morning either ashore or in distress. A blinding snow storm is blowing off shore and the surf dashes upon the beach a mile or so just as on the morning the Chapin went down. Signals of distress have been heard all morning, as if from an ocean liner. The atmosphere is thick while in the snow it is impossible to see the vessel or render aid.

THE COLD SNAP IN NEW YORK.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Ten inches of snow has fallen in thirteen hours, breaking the record for some years past. There was a good breeze which caused drifts and interfered somewhat with traffic on railways and in the harbor. The storm center is expected to shift today.